2Oth January THE DEATH OF EDMUND SPENSER

Master Edmund Spenser is dead at Westminster on the i6th of this month and is interred in the Collegiate Church near to Chaucer at the charge of the Earl of Essex, his hearse being attended *by* poets, and mournful elegies and poems with the pens that wrote them thrown into his tomb ilr Spenser was by birth a Londoner, and a scholar also of the University of Cambridge, born under so fa\ curable an aspect of the Muses that he surpassed all the English poets of former times, not excepting Chaucer himself, his fellow citizen , but by a fate which still followeth poets, he wrested always with poverty, though he had been Secretary to the Lord Grey, Lord Deputy of Ireland For scarce had he there settled in a retired privacy and got leisure to write, when he is by the rebels thrown out of his dwelling, plundered of his goods, and returned into England a poor man, less than a month since

list January. DESERTERS AT BRISTOL

Great distress is reported amongst the companies at Bristol that remain waiting for a favourable passage to Ireland by reason that they have caused a great scarcity of victuals there Moreover many of them have deserted, so that the Mayor of Bristol is commanded to supply their defective numbers from among the very many loose and idle persons m and about that city

2,6th January [c] A WOMAN'S WORTH *

Mr Anthony Gibson hath sent to the press a book by one of his fnends translated from the French, wntten by a Lord of great reckoning, and by <u>him</u> given to a very honourable Duchess This work is entitled *A woman's worthy* defended against all the men in the world, proving them to be more perfect, excellent and absolute in all virtuous actions than any man of what

quality soever, written by one that hath heard much, seen much, but knows a great deal more The book is dedicated to the Countess of Southampton, Mistress Anne Russell, Mistress Margaret Ratchffe and Mistress Mary Fitton and the rest of her Majesty's Maids of Honour

2&th January IRISH NEWS

From Ireland the Earl of Ormond complaineth of the cold disposition of the Lords Justices to second him, always pro-